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on Friday, 30 July 1999, at 10 a.m.

Chairperson: Ms. MEDINA QUIROGA

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The public part of the meeting was called to order at 12.20 p.m.

ORGANIZATIONAL AND OTHER MATTERS (agenda item 2) (continued)

1. The CHAIRPERSON informed the experts of the Bureau's proposal that, at its sixty-eighth session, in March 2000, the Committee should consider the reports of the Congo, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland (Jersey, Guernsey and the Isle of Man), Guyana, Peru, Venezuela and Mongolia.

2. Mr. POCAR inquired about the situation regarding the report of Kyrgyzstan, which had been scheduled for consideration at the current session, and that of Kuwait.

3. Mr. de ZAYAS (Secretary of the Committee) explained that those reports had been submitted in Russian and Arabic, respectively, and that the overburdened editing services had asked that they should first be translated into English.

4. Mr. KRETZMER stressed that at its next meeting the Bureau should press States parties to submit their reports on time. He had noted that certain initial reports were more than five years overdue.

5. Mr. KLEIN asked whether there were any reports which had already been edited and translated and which could be scheduled for consideration during the next two sessions of the Committee.

6. The CHAIRPERSON replied that there were none.

7. Mr. POCAR noted that the secretariat had received some initial reports more than a year previously and that in all that time it had not been possible to edit and translate them.

8. The CHAIRPERSON said that, for the July 2000 session, the Bureau had already decided that the reports of Ireland, Kyrgyzstan, Kuwait and Australia would be considered, which did not preclude the consideration of other reports if they were ready.

9. The list of States parties whose reports were to be considered at the March and July 2000 sessions was approved.

10. The CHAIRPERSON announced that the Working Group which would meet in October 1999 would be composed of Mr. Amor, Mr. Bhagwati, Lord Colville, Ms. Evatt, Mr. Yrigoyen, and Mr. Wieruszewski. It was not yet clear whether Mr. Zakhia would be available.

11. Preparation of the lists of issues to be taken up during consideration of States parties' reports was entrusted to the following persons: Mr. Amor: Congo; Mr. Bhagwati: Hong Kong; Lord Colville: Mongolia; Mr. Yrigoyen: Peru and Macau; Mr. Wieruszewski: United Kingdom; Ms. Evatt: Guyana and Venezuela, on the understanding that in the latter case Ms. Evatt would benefit from the cooperation of Ms. Gaitan de Pombo, who was not a member of the Working Group.

12. Following a brief discussion concerning the Working Group for March 2000 and the division of responsibilities for States parties' reports, the CHAIRPERSON announced the make-up of the Working Group, and the reports entrusted to its members: Mr. Amor: Kuwait; Mr. Kretzmer: Ireland; Mr. Pocar: Kyrgyzstan; Mr. Klein: Australia.

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13. Following an exchange of courtesies, and having complimented the secretariat on its work, the CHAIRPERSON declared the sixty-sixth session of the Human Rights Committee closed.

The meeting rose at 12.35 p.m.